

(Rs. in crores)

	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
Srinagar H.E.P. (6x55 MW)	55.00 *	100.00*	48.45
Vishnu Prayag HEP (4x120 MW)	1.00	1.00	1.00

(* Outlay for Srinagar composite including Srinagar Hydro- electric Project)

(d) and (e). For the year 1992-93 Central Electricity Authority has recommended an outlay of Rs. 60 crores and Rs. 0.7 crores for Srinagar Hydro-electric Project and Vishnu Prayag Hydro-electric Project respectively. Actual allocation will be known after finalisation of 1992-93 Annual Plan for Uttar Pradesh.

(f) Does not arise.

[English]

Embezzlement of Funds

3141. SHRI KRISHAN DUTT SULTANPURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of embezzlement of funds have come to light in the different departments of his Ministry during the last six months;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken against the offenders?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two cases of fraudulent withdrawal of Government money to the tune of Rs. 4.4 lakhs and Rs. 6.5 lakhs at Delhi and Jaland-

har, respectively have come to notice. In another case of fraud in ALTTC Ghaziabad, it is estimated that Govt. money to the tune of Rs. 1.74 crores has been fraudulently misappropriated. Instances of embezzlement of funds relating to Post Office Savings Bank Deposits, Money Orders, Post Office Cash Certificates and shortage in cash and stamp balances have also come to notice.

(c) The suspected officials have been placed under suspension and cases have been handed over to the local police and CBI for further investigation. The accounting procedures have been reviewed and suitable instructions are being issued for streamlining the procedures and tightening supervision. Provisions exist for approaching the revenue authorities to prevent offenders from alienation and disposal of property, if any, owned by them under Public Account Defaulters Act to enable recovery of embezzled funds.

[Translation]

Electricity Board in Delhi

3142. SHRI JANARDAN MISRA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the supply of power in Delhi is irregular;

(b) if so, whether the Government pro-

pose to set up Electricity Board in Delhi to determine the power supply;

(c) if so, the time by which the said Board is likely to be set up; and

(d) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d). The power supply position in Delhi is by and large satisfactory. The Sarkaria/Balakrishnan Committee on the reorganisation of Delhi set up has recommended conversion of Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking (DESU) into Delhi State Electricity Board (DSEB). The time by which the Board is likely to be set up would depend upon the completion of requisite administrative and legal formalities, including amendments in the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957.

[English]

Surrender of Telephones

3143. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE:
SHRI RAMESHWAR PATI-
DAR:
SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHER-
JEE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in regard to the directives issued by the Prime Minister for surrendering ten percent of telephone connections by the Government offices upto January 31, 1992.

(b) the percentage of the telephones surrendered as a result thereof; and

(c) the efforts being made to achieve the target?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). 29 Ministries/Departments of the Central Government have so far furnished information surrendering 2177 telephone connections out of 21,032 telephone connections working with them which come to little above 10%.

(c) The progress is being monitored by the Ministry of Finance (Deptt. of Expenditure).

Increase in time limit of local call

3144. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to increase the time limit for local call at least from three minutes to five minutes;

(b) if so, whether the suburbs like Ghaziabad, Faridabad and Gurgaon adjoining Delhi would also be affected; and

(c) the time by which the above mentioned decision is likely to be implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The proposal to introduce time metering of local calls is still under the consideration of the Government.

(b) Yes, Sir. A different tariff for inter-dialling between large telephone systems and adjoining exchanges in their periphery is also under consideration.

(c) The time frame for implementation has not yet been decided.